



Minute Man NHP, Salem Maritime NHS, Boston NHP, and Revolution 250 present...

Riots, Resistance, and Regulars: A Volunteer Workshop for Participation in Revolution 250

The 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution is upon us! Events are already happening and more are being planned. As volunteers for the National Park Service and other historic sites in the Boston area, you will play a key role in this exciting multi-year project! This day-long workshop will focus primarily on the year 1768, which we will be commemorating this year.

Where: Saint Joseph Hall, Salem Maritime National Historic Site 160 Derby St. Salem MA 01970

When: Saturday, February 3, 2018

9:00 – 9:45 Coffee and refreshments

9:45 – 10:00 Welcome, 2017 review and 2018 updates – Jim Hollister, Minute Man National Historical Park

10:00 – 10:50 1768 – What's the News? - Professor Robert J. Allison, Suffolk University

Why was 1768 a critical year for the British Empire in America? It seemed that British America would flourish, and the Empire would be strengthened, by the defeat of France. The government in London created new policies to bind the Empire more closely together, for the benefit of all its parts. But these very policies would cause chaos in the American ports, and ultimately rip asunder the imperial world they were meant to secure. It begins to happen in Massachusetts in 1768.

11:00 – 11:50 "I am an honest woman:" Female Revolutionary Resistance in Essex County MA – Dr. Emily Murphy, Salem Maritime NHS

While lower class men and women could take to the streets, and middling class men could participate in political action, middling class women were restricted by law and society. This presentation will examine how middle class women in Essex county ma participated in resistance in the years before 1775.

11:50 – 1:00 lunch and curator show and tell. Salem offers many good restaurants within walking distance from Saint Joseph Hall. You can also choose to bring your own lunch. During lunch Emily Murphy will have items from the collection of Salem Maritime NHS on display.

1:00 – 1:50 Voices of Boston: A Range of Perspectives Grounded in Primary Sources - Eric Hanson Plass and Polly Kienle, Boston National Historical Park

Boston NHP Rangers will share best practices on two programs: *Revolutionary Town Meeting* and *Of Muskets, Men and Liberty*. The programs explore the critical years from the Townshend Acts to the Siege of Boston through multiple contemporary perspectives grounded in a wide range of primary sources, reflecting a wide range of class, gender, and political opinions of real Bostonians. Workshop participants will get a taste of *Town Meeting* and learn interpretive techniques demonstrating how we create opportunities for audience participation and involvement.

2:00 – 2:50 Meet the New Neighbors: The British Army in Boston – J.L. Bell, Boston 1775

On October 1, 1768 the 14th and 29th Regiments arrived in Boston to protect the customs service and prevent further tumults and riots. More troops were on the way. What were the challenges faced by the army in their new surroundings? How did the locals get along with their new red-coated neighbors?

3:00 - 4:00 1760s Working class impressions for men and women – Henry Cooke and Greg Hurley (men's clothing), Michelle Gabrielson and Ruth Hodges (women's clothing)

Many of the living history events coming up for the pre-1775 period will focus a great deal on working-class men and women living in more urban, port towns like Boston. How did they dress? How different was the look of the 1760s from the 1770s? What does the clothing say about these people?

Ample parking for this workshop is available at South Harbor Garage (245 Derby St. Salem MA 01970). If we have to postpone due to weather, we will post a notice on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/events/347804892353545/> You may also call (978) 318 – 7829 for a weather update. The snow date will be Saturday, February 17th.



Revolution 250 is a consortium of organizations working together to commemorate the 250th anniversaries of the events that led to American Revolution. With over 30 institutional members, we operate under the fiscal sponsorship of the Massachusetts Historical Society.